

*(This is a sample letter one person wrote which might be of interest to you, but it would be best to express your views in your own words. When you write your letter(s), do not use company stationery.)*

Dear Editor:

As an American taxpayer, I've had enough of Big Government's attempt to go after Big Taxes.

The taxes I'm talking about are the proposed new taxes on tobacco. The tax bills being considered in Congress would be the largest tax increase proposed in American history. I think it's time for Americans to say no to Washington's call for more and more taxes.

Washington already makes more money from taxing cigarettes than tobacco companies do from selling them — and now Washington wants to increase its take fivefold on revenue from cigarettes. And this tax burden will be shouldered by 47 million American adults like me who smoke. Washington wants us to believe that the tax increase will only be \$1.10 per pack. But smokers will end up paying about \$1,700 per year in cigarette taxes, and the price of cigarettes will rise from about \$2-per-pack to about \$5 per pack at the retail level.

Not only that, but the proposed legislation will also create 17 new federal bureaucracies — more taxes for bigger government.

We don't need big government to tax us more, to tell us what to do, or what to buy or not buy. Today, it's smokers. Who's next?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Your Signature)

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